

what real sacrifice means. Jesus suffered continual loss, humanly speaking; his poverty at birth was but a shadow of the humility and self-abandonment he endured later. His public ministry was short but full of pain and self-denial. Such was his life in the extreme but soon followed the glory as he returned to be with the Father on the throne. Meditate a moment upon this model life and see whether it does not put our so-called sacrifice to shame. Ask him who has allowed that sickly self-pity suggest that he has sacrificed much for the church, whether he ever has had "nowhere to lay his head," whether he has been so intent upon relieving the sufferings of his fellow beings, that he himself went cold and hungry. Christ left the hallowed associations of his heavenly home, became human, became a partaker of the joys, the longings, the sorrows of mankind. His fidelity to the Father's will brought reproaches and often in the darkest hours he felt himself keenly alone when his beloved, disciple, with a touch of human sympathy could have lightened the heavy burden. "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" was a question spoken not merely for effect. Ask the modern sacrificing Christian whether his work likewise excludes him from the blessings of home and kindred friends, whether his is but a scanty living. Then let him cease talking about self-denial until it has made itself evident by the consequent glory shedding a mellow radiance about his Christly life.

Among God's noblest self-sacrificing souls are those of whom the world has never heard a word, parents whose days are spent in toiling and saving, who dare not think of the summer trip and winter visits, that they, out of their poverty, may claim a share in extending the kingdom of God on earth and that they may train and educate their children for the glory of God.

Such have been the mothers who have been among the heartiest supporters of our beloved society, and such are the women that will help to crown our work with glory. Pressed with home cares, their leisure moments for the family circle so few and so precious, yet for the sake of the One whose life meant sacrifice, she spares moments and means for Christian Endeavor work. The rest of her life being in equal harmony with the one supreme Pattern, we are given indeed a beautiful picture of a glory-crowned life, not only in the closing day but every day. "It must follow as the night the day."

There is a feature of S. S. C. E. work that needs to be strongly emphasized because without it our organization can never have a share in bringing about the return of the King, when "the glory of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea." This is nothing less than world-wide mission work. In proportion as our financial object is to evangelize the world, will our society become prosperous and add glory to the church. For a number of years it may be only to help educate the missionaries, but ever and

anon our eye will rest on the foreign field. At this Conference when more definite steps may be taken in this direction, let us not only keep in touch with every movement but let the S. S. C. E. always give every possible encouragement. To attempt to carry on S. S. C. E. work independent of world-wide mission, will mean loss of spiritual life and power. Not until sacrifice for the heathen becomes our delight, will the highest glory of reward crown our efforts.

"Sheaves after sowing, sun after rain,
Sight after mystery, peace after pain;
Joy after sorrow, calm after blast,
Rest after weariness, sweet rest at last."

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Our Young People

HEAVENLY HELPERS

II Kings 6:15-17

Topic for Sept. 8

The simple story of our lesson this week contains one of the best truths that can be brought to us. The young man who saw only the superior force of the Assyrians and needed the prophet of God to point out to him the chariots of the Lord in the hills round about is a true type of the thousands today who see only the material things of life. They are near-sighted for faith sees afar the things which without it can only be seen when they have come to pass.

We are prone to put our trust only in the things we can see and need to have our eyes opened that we may realize that the spiritual help which is promised is real and that we may depend upon him who is our "refuge and strength in every time of trouble."

Many a time we can escape from discouragement and failure if we turn "to the hills from whence our strength cometh." All of those who have been great in the kingdom have learned to depend upon God's help in time of need. We too may learn how to have the heavenly helpers which we so often need.

SCRIPTURE HELP

Let some one tell how each of the following received help from above.

- 1 Elijah helped, I Kings 17:5-7.
- 2 Daniel helped, Dan. 6:21, 22.
- 3 David helped, Psalm 27:13, 14.
- 4 The four Hebrew captives helped, Dan 3:24, 25.
- 5 Paul helped, Acts 27:23, 24.
- 6 Peter helped, Luke 22:31, 32.
- 7 Jesus helped, Matt. 4:11; Matt. 26:53.
- 8 The children's helpers, Matt. 18:10.
- 9 Our helper, I Cor. 15:57; Ps. 46:1; Phil. 4:13.
- 10 The secret of victory, Gal. 5:16.
- 11 Trust in man vain, Jer. 17:5.
- 12 Trust in riches vain, I Tim. 6:17.

FOR SHORT TALKS

- 1 Right with God, right with nature, Judges 5:20; Job 5:23.
- 2 Carnal warfare self-destruction, Matt 26:53.

FOR ANSWER IN THE MEETING

- 1 To whom is heavenly help promised?
- 2 What are the conditions of help from God?
- 3 What hinders help from above?
- 4 How may we learn to see the spiritual help we may have?
- 5 When do we need heavenly help?
- 6 Do we have heavenly helpers with us all the time?
- 7 What encouragement ought we find in knowing that God will help us in the right?

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TRUTHS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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Truth is truth whatever its effect. The voice of truth is resounding each day with increasing vibrations. She is ever ready to loosen the bonds of slavery which sin is ever tightening on so many young people thru out our fair land. She is more than a dream and a song; to know her is to know beauty, for truth is beauty. She shines by the side of every path we tread. Above and below she may be seen. To make truth known is a sublime work. To make the truths of salvation known is the work of our Young People's Societies.

The first truth we might well realize just now is that we, as a body of young people, as Christian Endeavor workers, have shouldered a great responsibility. Knowing that, let us ask whether or not we are faithfully carrying the load. Indeed, a large part of the world's work is done by young people, in whom is the strength and vigor of youth. Great is our opportunity. Equally as great is our responsibility. To fully realize the extent of our God-given opportunities ought to urge us on to never-ceasing activity. True life is endless service and brings real happiness, for which youth is ever longing. Knowing our duty and the truth of our position are essential to our success. Our duty is to give our whole souled service. Our position is that of a volunteer company in the vast army of the Lord's workers. How low and cowardly to shrink from duty and to turn back in time of battle. Let us not forget that the battle is raging *now*, and that our duty as young soldiers in God's army is to be fighting facing the enemy.

Another truth which we ought to remember, and which ought to be an incentive to faithfulness, is that a glorious victory is promised to every true and loyal soldier. In wars between nations, many a valiant deed dies unapplauded and unrecorded; but in our war against sin and satan, for righteousness and God, every noble action is applauded by the angels and recorded by them in the Book of Life. Justice is an attribute of our God, altho we often meet with injustice here below. Time's coming when accounts must be balanced. 'Tis well to question thyself thus, "On which side of the account, God's or satan's, will I find most of my thoughts and words and deeds?"

The third truth is that the rewards of victory are not all reserved for the future, but for every right motive, there is a present sure reward. It is seen sooner or later in the upbuilding of character. It manifests itself in real happiness, a cheerful face, a willing hand, and a sympathizing heart. Little did the founder of the young people's movement realize the glorious future, the endless blessing, and the world-wide extent which has sprung so quickly from so small a beginning. Little did he know how many lives would be made richer and sweeter, and how many precious souls would be kept within the fold and be saved thereby. Can